

I know it is time for school to resume when we have foggy mornings and can hear the crickets and locust at night. These are signs of the changing season. Our lives continue to adjust to changing seasons, changing living arrangements, changing jobs and schools and social and intellectual interests. Change is necessary for life to continue. Change can be uncomfortable or exciting. Change is stressful and at times exhausting. During our adjustments to the summer heat, my thanks to all who assisted in moving our worship essentials to our social hall so those who suffer from the heat could worship in a safe environment. Now our thanks go out to those who arrive Saturday night and early Sunday morning to open windows so our worship environment is comfortable for all. I must say we have a very “warm” worship service with the wood and windows and banners that make our sanctuary a truly holy worship space. Thanks be to the ancestors who arranged for such a beautiful space.

Fall also means that our schedule changes. We will begin our fall schedule with Rally day on September 10th with Sunday school for all ages and then worship. My thanks to all who share of their time and talent to enhance our learning and worship. My thanks to all who participated in the CAT survey this summer. I promised that we would have an ice cream social if 40 people participated in the survey. 40 did respond and my thanks for all who responded so that the survey had statistical significance. On September 10th following worship, we will have the promised ice cream social for all members.

On Wednesday, August 16th half of the CAT survey respondents met with Michelle Snyder who began to interpret the results for us. We will continue to work with Michelle and with Melissa Stoller, one of the assistants to our bishop, as we envision our future and plan for tomorrow. Change is necessary, more minor adjustments than a major overhaul. That is good news! A congregation is a living organism that must always adjust to the changing circumstances. We know we cannot continue to do things as we have and expect congregational growth. [Continuing to do the same thing and expect different results is a definition of insanity.] We will work with these pastors as they guide us into new ways of being St. Paul Lutheran. These are exciting times for St. Paul and we live with the assurance that the Holy Spirit will be with us and guide us as we move forward.

Bible school was a success with 42 youth participating. My thanks to Becky and Mary who assisted with the week's activities. Confirmation classes will resume beginning Sept. 10th with our annual meeting with parents and students.

During this year of Commemorating the Reformation, sermons will continue to focus on the wisdom of Paul's letter to the Romans. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is a time for us to reflect on the theological and historical implications of our Lutheran heritage. A bible study will begin in October as soon as I can determine what time is best for those who would like to attend. Does a morning or evening class best work with your schedule? Let me or Colleen, our secretary know.

May God's peace and wisdom be with us as we adjust our schedules to the changing season and the changes which will eventually lead us into God's future.

Shalom,

Pastor Bev



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

STARTING SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES – 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM



Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*



The Choir returns September 17 under the wonderful direction of Bobi-Jean Alexander!!! Join the choir for fulfilling music making and fellowship. Youth 6th grade and up are also encouraged to join the choir. Please see Bobi-Jean with any questions. New members are always welcomed!!! Tentative practice schedule is Sunday morning before worship at 9:45 and after 10:00 worship.

“Music

speaks what cannot be expressed
soothes the mind and gives it rest
heals the heart and makes it whole
flows from heaven to the soul.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

September 10, Sunday School kick-off, 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Ice Cream Social, 5:30 confirmation meeting in Strobel Hall with parents and students

September 17, after worship service 1 mile walk for Wittenberg

October 14 & 15, Willing Workers Fall Festival Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

October 26, Willing Workers Oktobefest Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

November 12, Bishop Kusserow from the Synod will lead us in worship, lunch following worship

November 19, Harvest Home Sunday, bring nonperishable food items to worship.

Dear members of St. Paul's congregation,

What a busy and successful summer we had. Horse Trading Days brought in about \$2,000. All of you are to be congratulated because without your help through donations, time and your spending we cannot be successful.

Thanks to all who filled out the Holy Cow Survey. We had 20 or so attend the results meeting. We are now working on taking the results and putting them into action. We are talking to Zion about the possibility of working with them, but we are also working with the Synod and Pastor Melissa Stoller who will be working with us instead of Pastor Sara. We are trying to come up with plans for the future, but we don't want to jump into something before we are sure it is God's plan for us.

If you have any thoughts or concerns on the church, please share them with me or someone on council. We are all members of the church and everyone's input and support is needed both in attendance and financially for us to be able to continue with the ministry of St. Paul. Don't just sit on the sidelines waiting to see which direction we decide to go, be an active participant! **WE CANNOT STRESS IT ENOUGH – YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!** We especially would like to have the young people of the congregation that went through the confirmation process to become more actively involved in the life of the church.



The Willing Workers are making plans for October. On October 14 and 15 we will be having our Oktoberfest soup and sandwich luncheon. This takes place from 11 to 7 on Saturday and also on Sunday, October 15, from noon to

5. If you would like to make a crockpot of your favorite soup and bring it to the church Saturday morning, we would be very grateful. Also, if you can work the parking lot let Marty know. More information to come. Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter. Sign up sheets will be sent around in church, starting September 17th.

Thursday, October 26, we will have our annual Pork and Sauerkraut dinner. Help will also be needed for this dinner. Sheets will be sent around in church on October 15. More information in next month's newsletter.

Marty



but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

BUTLER COUNTY FOOD CUPBOARD

Our congregation supports the food cupboard that is at Zion Lutheran in Middle Lancaster. Our food cupboard box is located in the narthex. Call Phyllis Metz our Food Cupboard representative if you have any questions.

FOOD CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – WE WILL CONTINUE COLLECTING TACO KITS.

Due to limited space the Food Cupboard accepts donations of only non-perishable food items and paper products.

DEPOT DAY

Our church is the drop off for Church World Service kits [school, hygiene and cleaning] again this year. We will be collecting kits on Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 to 12:00 and Monday, October 2, from 9:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 6:00. The truck will be here October 3 to pick up all of the kits. We need as many able bodied people that can come about 7-8 AM that day. Please call Phyllis at 724-452-5993 if you are able to help.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – 9:00 AM
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**



Join us September 10 for Rally Day Kick-off!!!
Sunday School is for all ages 3 years old and up!!!

The Christian Ed program is important to the life of the church and we welcome any ideas or thoughts you may have on ways to grow our program. Your support and attendance is a blessing. By encouraging your family to attend you will increase our numbers, and more importantly, enrich everyone's experience.

The adult Sunday School class will continue our study of Jonah, Amos and Joel. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Strobel Hall for Christian learning and fellowship. New faces are welcome!

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15

"Teach me, O LORD ... give me understanding ..." (Psalm 119:33-34). With a new school year underway, may we grow not only in knowledge and skills but in faith toward God and love for others.



Plan on staying after worship for an Ice Cream Social in Strobel Hall, September 10. Our way of thanking everyone who took part in the Holy Cow Survey.



Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Sunday, September 3 during our worship service at 9:30 AM.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

If you have a son or daughter that are ready to receive Holy Communion, please let Pastor Bev or the office know.

WALK TO WITTENBERG



We have 13 walkers so far and you are welcome to join us at any time. From July 16 through August 16, we walked over 900 miles! Look for the W2W envelopes in the pews to put donations in the collection plate. Our goal is \$500. Our next mile walk after church will be September 17.

In commemoration of the 500th Anniversary
Of the Reformation
English Lutheran Church, Zelenople, PA

Presents
The movie Martin Luther
On October 15
At the Historic Strand Theater
Doors open at 5:30 PM (open seating)

Pastor Scott Bryte will put these historic events in perspective with the assistance of his puppet Martin Luther. This presentation begins at 6:00 PM; the movie starts at 6:20 PM. Tickets can be ordered by emailing maxwelljk6500@gmail.com. Tickets will be emailed to you. Donations accepted.



Only new prayer requests will be in the weekly bulletins.

CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Baker, Brad Bartley, Ann Boben, Landon Brewer, Carol Bulger, Nancy Bulger, Samantha Bulger, Kim Christy, Barb Cvetich, Candice Dishman, Don, David English, Mark Fox, Barbara Frantz, Brett Greenhill, Andrienne Haegg, Cindi Hunter, William Loveridge, Bobbie Marchlenski, Nolan Nachriener, Darlene Neibar, Terry Oakes, Verna Patscko, Lois Peoples, Mark Pollack, Jim Rape, Erin Roman, Louise Spithaler, George Stout, Bud Weber, Nancy Wilson, Lilly Wolfe, and Ron Zinkham.

Please keep the church updated on your prayer request. All updates and request may be emailed to splcofzelie@gmail.com Also if you would like to be notified of any needed prayers, please email the church office, with your email address.



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."



WITHOUT GOD

our week would be

SINDAY

MOURNDAY

TEARSDAY

WASTEDAY

THIRSTDAY

FIGHTDAY

SHATTERDAY

7 days without God
makes ONE WEAK

2017

SEPTEMBER



ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Flora LECTOR: Bev Broenitsch
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SUNDAY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

8:00 to 10:00 Help at
Big Knob Grange Fair

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 Summer Worship w/
Holy Communion
Blessing of the Backpacks



9:00 Sunday School

RALLY DAY!!!

10:00 Worship w/Holy
Communion

11:00 Ice Cream Social

5:30 Confirmation

12:30 Willing Workers
Meeting

7:00 Council Meeting

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship w/Holy
Communion

1 Mile walk for
Wittenberg after worship

10:00 October newsletter
info due.



9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship w/Holy
Communion

9:00 to 12:00 Depot Day
Drop Off

Office will be on vacation starting September 23 to October 2!!!